

**PATENT** 

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Applicant(s)

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Serial No.

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For

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TECHCENTER 1600/2900 MUSCLE-DERIVED CELL MEDIATED GENE TRANSFE

FOR TREATING MUSCLE OR BONE-RELATED INJURY

OR DYSFUNCTION

Group Art Unit

1633

Examiner

Sumesh Kaushal, Ph.D.

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## RESPONSE TO THE COMMUNICATION DATED MAY 9, 2001

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement dated May 9, 2001 in the above-identified patent application. Also filed concomitantly herewith are a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(5) to extend the response period until November 9, 2001.

## **REMARKS**

In the communication dated May 9, 2001, the Examiner has restricted claims 1-118, under 35 U.S.C. §121, into six (6) groups which are considered to be distinct and to have acquired separate status in the art because of their divergent

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